GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CANCER TESTING FACILITY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the cancer testing facility is sufficient in the Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide testing facility to detect the cancer at an initial stage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Health being a State subject, it is for various State Governments to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available. Most of the tertiary level health care facilities in the country have provision for early detection of common cancers like Breast, Uterine Cervix, Oral Cavity etc. The Government of India is augmenting the State Government`s efforts in providing of early detection, diagnosis and treatment facilities for cancer under various components of National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP).

The Central Government hospitals like All India Institute of Medical Sciences(AIIMS), and Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi, Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute for Post-Graduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Pondicherry and Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) etc. are well-equipped to provide specialized treatment for cancer.

All the schemes under the NCCP have since been revised and as per the revised scheme all Govt. Medical Colleges/Hospitals are entitled for one time financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 crore for strengthening of the Oncology Wing. The comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities including testing facilities in respective regions/States are provided by 22 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) established under NCCP.